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WAYNE COUNTY BUDGET 2017

The Wayne County Commissioners have prepared the proposed 2017 County Budget and it is available for public review. The balanced budget totals \$ 31,966,127.84 in General Fund and Debt Service payments. The budget will be available for inspection in the Wayne County Commissioners office during normal business hours, or can be viewed on the County website www.waynecountypa.gov. The Commissioners intend to adopt the 2017 budget on December 1, 2016.

The proposed budget shows an overall increase of \$ 994,351.16 which represents an increase of 3.2%. A transfer of prior year surplus has been used to balance the budget without a tax increase. In 2016, the county recognized an unexpected increase in boarding fees for non-county prisoners and as well delayed several capital improvement projects. Prior years surplus from savings in bond re-funding and prudent financial management have provided this opportunity.

The Commissioners have provided a line-item to fund a joint venture with WEDCO for Economic Initiatives that fuel job creation and assist business development. As well the budget provides for a financial commitment to the proposed Drug Court Initiative and a contribution to the Capital Investment Fund for a future Broadband project. The Wayne Commissioners would like to thank all of the Elected Officials and Department heads for their assistance in maintaining the expenditures within their respective offices.

The Commissioners have always been committed to maintaining fiscal responsibility to the taxpayers of Wayne County, while continuing to provide all the necessary services to all county residents. The teamwork as shown by the Elected officials, department heads, and employees has allowed the Commissioners to present a balanced and responsible Budget without a tax increase.